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CHAUTAUQUA.

A Season of Instruction and Amusement—Great Lectures, Splendid Entertainments, Inspiring Music.

These are great days in Monroe City. Everybody is getting the benefit either directly or indirectly because the good things that are said are going to benefit our community and therefore every citizen will be helped. Better take the dose yourself and attend every session of the Chautauqua. It will do you more good. Then you will get more pleasure as well as more profit out of this series of meetings calculated to uplift humanity and make life more pleasant and happy. A Chautauqua with such excellent talent as we have at the Monroe City Chautauqua is a University brought to our doors where all may get the benefit and pleasure. If you are not attending you are failing to take advantage of something which will do you good. The great lectures will aid you in making your life more useful to your fellow man. Up to the hour of going to press all numbers on the program have been good and all that are to follow will be good. Perhaps there are some which do not appeal to you but that is no evidence they are not good as they are all good and they may be just what others like best. It is not knocking at all on any other Chautauqua to say that so far we have seen Monroe City has the best program of any Chautauqua of North Missouri. Here we run independent and select the talent we want and the Committee which made the selection is to be congratulated. They present to the patrons a program of exceptional merit. We have the cream. The circuit Chautauqua people sell all the talent they can and then what they can't sell they use. Cream is considered better than skimmed milk.

Sunday afternoon the Chautauqua was opened with Supt. E. M. Sipple as platform manager and in this he has no superior. The Fraternity Glee Club was with us in prelude and one full entertainment Sunday and Monday. They pleased. The Face Behind the Face was the subject of the lecture delivered Sunday afternoon by William Rainey Bennett was an inspiration. It abounded in wit and instruction and stimulated the mind to think. Montville Flowers presented a strong message in his rendition of Ben Hur after Mr. Bennett's lecture and in the evening talked on the Japanese question from California's view point. He presented many things in a new light, but this is a question of many sides. Mr. Flowers is one of the great men on the platform.

J. Kelley Wright who was on program for Monday afternoon failed to appear but the Fraternity Glee Club highly entertained the audience. Strickland W. Gilliland was with us Monday evening. He came to us with the reputation of being a humorist, among humorists and he made good. Then with his humor he mixed many good sermons. Our people are highly pleased with Gilliland. Tuesday and Wednesday the Symphony Orchestra furnished the music. Those who know what good music is tell us that this home orchestra is far superior to many of the high priced

WARREN PICNIC.

A Pleasant Occasion, Greatly Enjoyed By a Large Number.

The 14th annual picnic was given by the Warren Camp of Modern Woodmen of America billed for last Thursday and something like 1500 people were in attendance. Marion County's Farm Advisor made an interesting, profitable talk in the morning and in the afternoon the audience was very highly entertained by Hon. Berryman Henwood of Hannibal. During the entire day there was something doing and many were the methods of entertainment provided. About the noon hour, however, was the time when all present seemed to be most highly entertained. If you have ever attended the Warren picnic and eaten dinner there it is not necessary to say anything about this part of the program. Well, this year was no exception. There was fried chicken, sandwiches, salads, pickles, pies, cakes, and—well we have not space to enumerate all the good things provided to eat. The good people realize the fact that the better we become acquainted the better it is for all concerned and they all get out to the great Warren picnic. It is not all of life to try to lay up dollars. There is more in cultivating the acquaintance of your fellow man. This we cannot do by plodding along in our usual avocations. We must drop business cares and mingle with the people. No man lives unto himself alone. Our duty here is to help lighten the cares of our fellow man.

orchestras on the Chautauqua circuits. Do not think that because they are home people they cannot deliver the goods. Give them an impartial hearing. Monroe City has reason to be proud of this great musical company. They make good. Supt. Sipple delivered a splendid lecture Tuesday afternoon. He discussed questions of great importance and did it in a masterly manner. Such lectures do much good. Sipple always has an important message when he lectures and makes his points clear and is an interesting speaker.

Judge George D. Alden's lecture, "Needs of the Hour" was one of the strongest ever delivered on any platform. He hits the nail squarely on the head. The more people who hear him the better for religion and humanity. His message deals with live topics in a manner that burns the vital needs of the hour on the minds of those who hear him, and needed reforms will be the result. We go to press too early to say more. There are many other good things on the program. In fact every afternoon and evening program will be good. Do not miss them. There will be great lectures, splendid entertainments, the music, there are few who have not felt its charms.

It is more eloquent than words. It touches and gently agitates the sublime passions, it elevates us in joy, melts us to tenderness and excites us to war.

Henry Behne thinks that each of the 30,000 automobiles in the state should pay \$10, license each year, the automobile manufacturers a \$100,000 and the farmers 5 or 10 cents an acre on their land, all to go in the good roads fund.

WANT THEIRS.

Ralls County Citizens Favor Township Organization Money For Good Roads Spent In Locality Collected.

Ed Kieffer was here Saturday and in talking to a Democrat representative said that the people of his vicinity had been paying their road tax for years and but a small percentage of what they had paid in ever came back to Saline township. This is a condition in practically every Missouri county. The people pay their taxes but in some way it is nearly always dumped close to the court house door. Let districts distant from the county seat ask for money and it cannot be found. Monroe township for years did well to get back ten per cent of the tax that was paid here to be used on Monroe township roads. Now we have a special road district and handle our own road money. Many Ralls County citizens are tired of dumping all their money around New London and making arrangements to vote on township organization at the Nov. 1914 election. When they do Township Organization will be adopted if its good points are properly presented to the voters. Then we have heard several Monroe and Marion County people talking for Township Organization for their counties. We have lived in Linn County where they have township organization and it worked well there; the several townships received their own money.

Old Landmark Gone.

Noah Fletcher who has bought what is known as the Reardon property on West Summer Street has torn down the old Reardon residence which was one of the first buildings put up in this city. The Hanley House now known as the Walker House being the oldest, it being built in 1857. In 1857 or 1858 Daniel Reardon built the old building which has just been torn down. Mr. Reardon was the first H. & St. Joe section boss here and was a good one. He held the job some 25 years.

For some time William Mounce has been looking for a farm to buy. He could not find what he wanted so inserted a small want ad in the Democrat and now he has a farm. Charles Kotsenberg saw the advertisement and got in communication with Mr. Mounce and sold him an 80 acre farm about 6 miles northeast of this city. Both men are happy and it did not take much money to get the deal on. If you have anything to sell or want to buy something try an advertisement in the Democrat.

Quite a number of men are at work building the water works and sewerage system. One crew is working on the aseptic tank, another is putting in the sewer pipe, another is laying the water pipe and still another is building the dam at the reservoir. Work is progressing rapidly.

Supt. Manley D. Boucher and wife arrived Tuesday and will take up his work here next Tuesday. He comes to us highly recommended as a school man and with his good wife will find a warm welcome.

John Jackson and wife went to Colchester, Ill., yesterday for a few days visit.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES

Interesting News Concerning the Different Denominations.

This Column Closes Promptly at 9 A. M. Each Wednesday.

METHODIST

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Preaching 10:45 a. m.
Junior League 2:30 p. m.
Senior League 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

Choir practice Saturday 7:30 p. m.
John H. Hubbard,
Pastor in Charge

PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
All members are urged to be present.

FIRST BAPTIST

The Pastor is helping Rev. H. S. Thornhill of Versailles in special meetings this week, but he will be in his pulpit next Sunday morning. We shall have to complete arrangements for the representation of the church in the Bethel Association which meets at Palmyra next week. I shall be glad to see you all.

We are having a good meeting here at Versailles. There have been eleven additions to date, and the interest seems to be growing. But I am anxious to get back to my own work. Please meet me at S. S. next Sunday morning.

SAM P. GOTT, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN

Preaching at 11 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30.
The public invited to Sunday services. W. Garnet Alcorn.

The Monroe City Symphony Orchestra gave a splendid concert in the afternoon and a three quarters of an hour prelude to the evening lecture. Everyone is delighted with their high class programs. Each member is an artist in their particular part, and the people are carried away with their work. They will give the prelude to the afternoon and evening lectures today, Wednesday, and if other musical numbers measure up to the high standard set by this orchestra the Chautauqua music will receive unstinted praise from all who attend. — Madison Times.

Charles Lasley and family, of Cleveland, Ohio accompanied by Miss Delilah Anderson who has been spending a month with them arrived on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. John Jayne and son, Augustus Lee of Hannibal are spending the week with A. S. Jayne and family. John also came in for the day Sunday.

Miss Margaret Christian, of Hannibal who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Hord, went to Hunnewell Monday to visit her grand mother, Mrs. Lyell.

The Court of Honor will hold regular election of officers at their regular meeting next Monday night. All members are requested to be present.

A. Grimm as Clerk of Monroe Camp, M. W. A. has received a check for \$1000 to pay policy on the life of the late John O. Hawkins.

William Thackery has returned from a visit at Kewanee and other points in Ill. He says where he was they have good crops and considerable old corn.

GOOD ROADS

Should Be Built By Contract, Under Supervision of a Good Engineer and Paid For By Nation, State, County and District.

Bad roads cost everybody money. It matters not whether you live in the great city, in a city or village or in the country, the bad roads cost you money. Bad roads make it cost more to get the products of the farm to the city and also increases the cost of getting the articles which are manufactured in the city to the farms. This loss must be paid by the consumer, and producer. These are in both city and country. The rich and the poor alike lose by bad roads. That it takes more energy to get over bad roads than it would take to get over good roads cannot be denied. The cost per ton per mile over good roads for transporting freight is 8 cents. The cost per ton per mile for transporting over bad roads is 25 cents. Think of this great difference. Then this money is lost as no one derives any benefit. Energy directed along right lines is productive of good, energy directed along other lines is wasted. The time is now here when there must be less waste. The farmer and all classes must do as the great packers where all parts of the animal is worked into some byproduct which is made to help make the work more profitable. All classes having to pay the cost of transportation over bad roads are interested in having the roads made good. This can best be accomplished by the National government paying more of the cost than does the State; the State paying more than the County and the County paying more than the district. In order that all the good roads be not built around the County Seat it must be further provided that when a district gets its money ready the other money must be forth coming. The present system is not right in that it takes money from remote parts of the several counties and uses it to build good roads around the County Seats. It is not necessary to go a thousand miles from here to find that the people do not get back for their roads more than ten per cent of what they paid in. We find this condition in the three counties. This condition has grown intolerable. In Monroe County we have a special district which will help a small part of the county only. Something must be done, something will be done. Township organization will be a partial relief, but the building of good roads by contract and under the supervision of a competent engineer and to be jointly paid for by Nation, State, County and District is what must be done.

This is one of a series of Articles on Good Roads. It is a subject of great moment. It affects every citizen and every citizen should pay. It is not equitable for the farmer to pay the big end of the costs. We ask criticism of any or all of these articles and we will be pleased to publish your views. In this way and this way only can the best plan for building good roads be selected. What have you to say?

Miss Olive Buckman of Oklahoma City, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. John Hardy, went to New London Saturday.